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Dear Ms. Henney:

I know that antibiotics are routinely fed to cattle, hogs, and poultry to make them grow faster. That major-and unnecessary-use boosts the odds that bacteria will become immune to antibiotics. And if one happens to get an infection caused by one of those resistant bacteria, the antibiotic the doctor prescribes could be useless. That could kill me or you.

As a member of the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), I urge you to save human lives by banning the use of medically useful antibiotics in animal feed. Adding antibiotics to feed in order to promote growth can make bacteria resistant to those antibiotics. And that can leave physicians with no way to treat life-threatening bacterial infection in humans. That's why I support the petition filed by CSPI.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

*Marjorie M. Martin*

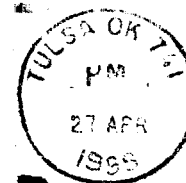
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